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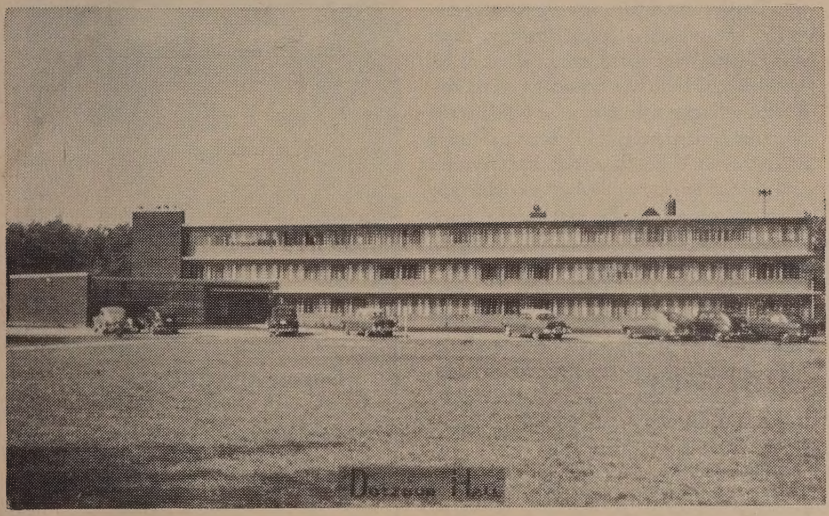

DOTZOUR HALL AT McPHERSON COLLEGE

Women's Retreat headquarters, June 4, 5 and 6

CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

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Every Church Visitation

By vote of the Conference Board of Trustees, Kansas will cooperate in a National program of Church Visitation beginning May 15. However, because an extensive program by Caravan Teams was conducted last fall, it was decided that Visitation by the Conference Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent would be most effective at this time. To this end, Dr. Rymph and Mr. Hepler will plan an itinerary of visits covering the state. We hope your church will cooperate by setting up a meeting on the suggested date, if possible. Because there are already many other apointments scheduled on their calendars, they will have to extend the period of visitation beyond the National recommendation, but it is their goal to meet with every active church in the state before November first.

They will be asking you to call together your trustees, deacons, heads of boards and standing committees, representatives of auxiliary organizations, treasurers and financial secretary - an enlarged church council. They prefer not to have an all-church meeting. Bringing with the the documentary sound film which gives an over-all view of our unified work, it will be their purpuse to share vital information and answer questions regarding the mission of the church and your share in it.

Pulpit Exchange

At the Convocation in Topeka a number of ministers responded favorably to participation in a nation-wide program for exchange of pulpits between C and C and E and R ministers. Word since that time from the Rev. T. N. Goodale, Chairman of the Conference Proposed Union Committee, advises us that after conferring with the Rev. A. H. Wegener, president of the K. C. Synod, they agreed that such exchanges could be best effected by interested ministers making all arrangements with near-by ministers of their choosing on a date of their own choosing. A few of our ministers have already carried out an exchange.

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Week End State Conference

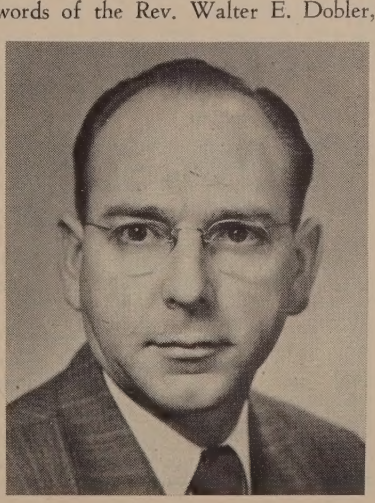
Large plans are being made for the first annual week-end meeting of The State Conference to be held in Manhattan, Friday evening thru Sunday, May 4, 5 and 6 with the Rev. Wm. F. Keeney and his people as hosts. The Conference theme in keeping with the Omaha General Council emphasis will be "The Cause of Christ, I Make My Own." Highlighting the program, in addition to J. Kenneth Kohler, who was featured in the February magazine will be Mrs. Mary Fiebiger of Grinnell, Iowa, the Rev. Walter Dobler of Boston and the Rev. Fred Hyslop of Greeley.

Mary Fiebiger

Mrs. Mary Fiebiger, wife of the Superintendent of Iowa, and daughter of Dr .and Mrs. Warren Dennison, has been active in local, state and national church work most of her life. Travels in behalf of our fellowship have taken her into 48 states, Puerto Rice and Europe. She is greatly in demand as a speaker before church, civic and educational groups and appears frequently on radio and television. She was on the National CBS "Church of the Air" program. She is National Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee of the General Council, a member of the Joint Planning Committee on the proposed union and has served on many of the most important committees of both the Home Board and the American Board. At Manhattan she will speak at the opening Friday evening dinner meeting, the women's meeting on Saturday afternoon and will bring the sermon at the Sunday Morning Mass Meeting. From her rich background and experience she brings a compelling message.

Walter E. Dobler

"The family is the labratory of Christian growth. Unless the faith we profess finds expression in the day to day life of the home, it has not become a part of a person's experience. Religion meets its greatest test in the intimate relations of family life." These are the words of the Rev. Walter E. Dobler,



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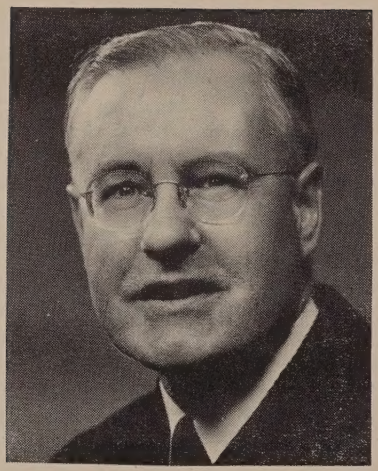


Rev. Fred Hyslop

National Secretary of Adult Work and Family Life, who will be our guest at Manhattan. Mr. Dobler will make one general presentation, give leadership to the minister's meeting and meet with the Conference Family Life Commission. Mr. Dobler is especially interested in the church-sponsored family camp movement, and will be one of the leaders at our Kansas-Nebraska Family Camp to be held at Estes Park, July 29 to August 4.

Fred Hyslop

The Rev. Fred Hyslop, member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board will be the keynote speaker at the Friday evening session. Mr. Hyslop, for the past 12 years, minister of the First Congregational Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin, has been called to the First Congregational Church of Greeley, Colorado and will begin his pastorate there the middle of April. He graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1931 and spent 1932 in travel and study in England and Europe. Through his entire ministry he has been very loyal and active in the work of the wider fellowship.

Laymen's Night

In addition to the big laymen's sectional meeting, Saturday afternoon, the laymen will have complete charge of the Saturday night program. They will be seated in a body, a layman will preside, a layman will bring the message, laymen will furnish the music and usher.

The Welcome Mat Out

The Manhattan Church is literally "rolling out the carpet" for this great Congregational Meeting. They are soliciting overnight entertainment in homes for those who make request on the reservation card, which will go out with the programs early in April. They will serve courtesy breakfasts at the church each morning. The Sunday Mass Meeting which will begin at 10 o'clock Sunday Morning will be held in the new city auditorium. The beautiful new Student Union building on the Kansas State College Campus has been secured for the Sunday noon meal for those who reserve. Others will be welcome to bring basket dinners and eat in the park or provided shelter in case of rain. The Women's Association is arranging for a coffee during the registration and fellowship hour Friday afternoon and a tea following the sectional meetings Saturday afternoon. As a part of their Centennial year celebration, Manhattan welcomes Kansas Congregationalists to be their guests May 4, 5 and 6. Plan now for a large delegation from your church.

Mrs. John H. Jones to Towanda

At a special meeting of the Pastoral Committee, Deacons, Deaconesses and Trustees of the Towanda Church on February 13, a unanimous call was extended to Mrs. John H. Jones to serve the church as its regular minister.

Mrs. Jones has worked faithfully as a co-worker with her husband in their forty year ministry to Kansas Churches. She had never asked for licensure, though she has filled the pulpit many times. The church, therefore, sent a special communication to the Southern Association Ministerial Committee, requesting that she be made a licentiate with full powers. It was the unanimous opinion of the church officers that no one could carry through the progressive program of the church as well as could this trusted and beloved church leader. In 1953 Mrs. Jones served as Moderator of our State Conference. We look to her with confidence and extend our warm good wishes as she continues her service to this church she so greatly loves.

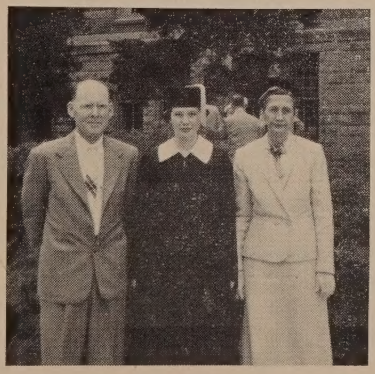
Wright's Leave Almena

The Rev. C. Floyd Wright, minister the past two years at Almena, left Kansas March first to accept a call as Minister of the Congregational Church at Lawrence, Michigan.

Resident Minister at Udall

The Rev. Penn S. Chambers, for the past eight years minister of the Planeview Community Church in Wichita has accepted a call to the new church at Udall. Mr. Chambers was pastor of our church at Towanda previous to serving as a chaplain during the war and spent two years at our Kiowa Church later.

The new building at Udall is nearing completion and work has started on the parsonage. Mr. Chambers will begin work March first, though they will not move until later. With full-time leadership the program should move along in a fine way.



Rev. and Mrs. Penn Chambers and Pat

"Impressions of a Layman"

By Guy T. Gebhardt

Any observant layman would be impressed with the Annual Convocation of Congregational-Christian ministers held at Washburn University, and the commodious State Congregational Manse in Topeka, February 7, 8, 9.

The hospitality of the University was matched only by the friendliness of the Manse under the masterful supervision of the Rymph's (we don't see yet how they do it.) The Topeka ministers generously shared their churches and their homes which added greatly to the fellowship.

Forty ministers, two or three women, and two laymen, met for three days and gave serious thought to the uniqueness of the church and of Christianity, the priority of worship, meeting the needs of individual church members and kindred subjects. The leadership of Dr. Henry Smith Leiper of the Missions Council and the Rev. Thomas C. Dick of our church in Lincoln, was outstanding. Dr. Leiper was shared with the Religious Emphasis Week on the Campus and gave very dynamic addresses at two chapel sessions for students and faculty. His deep insights, his broad experience and his bubbling humor was most refreshing. The Rev. Mr. Dick gave four inspiring "sermon-talks" and shared fully in the discussions and fellowship.

Merton Rymph as Chaplain, did a very acceptable job. The panel on "The Christian Mission in a Revolutionary World" stimulated thinking. Roscoe Graves presented the "Basis of Union" with the E and R churches. The group discussed many concerns of the state and there was opportunity under the leadership of Merle Rymph to clear important dates.

One is impressed by the sincere belief of the clergy in the relevancy of the church for these days and the importance of the ministry. They were frank to criticize apparent weaknesses yet quick to defend. They had clearly in mind the potentials of the church and at the same time were aware of its problems. It seemed to a layman that there was an inclination to think of the church as the minister and to expect too little creative leadership from able and concerned laymen. This might well be expected in a professional group so greatly consecrated to its task.

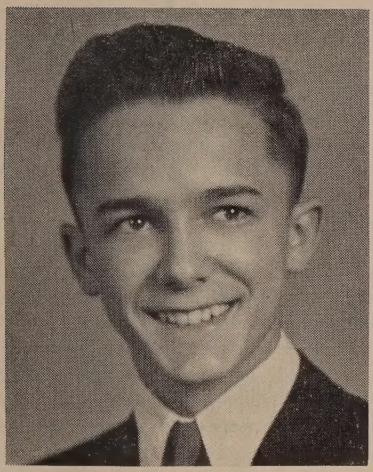
One is also impressed with the utter devotion and sincerity as well as the humanness of the group. They laughed and sang - they "horse-played" and worshipped together as one big happy family. The Convocation gave the younger men a chance to get acquainted with each other; the older men an opportunity to renew and strengthen friendships. The three days helped greatly in developing a sense of unity among the ministers of the churches of Kansas.

The Annual Ministers' Convocation is one of the worthwhile projects of Kansas "Congregational-Christianism". So it seems to a layman who was most happy to have shared in the experience.

From Tom Dick

There was a warmth and cordiality in your Kansas Fellowship that I deeply appreciated. It was fun to be accepted amongst one's felow ministers as one of them rather than as the minister of the "big church." I hope I can in some way influence Nebraska to give serious consideration to such a convocation as you in Kansas have. If I should succeed, I know we will need to draw upon our Kansas neighbors for help all along the way.

Again my very sincere thanks for the whole experience.



Dave McMullen

Summer in Kansas

Word has just been received that the Rev. David McMullen, will come to Kansas on completion of his first year at Union Theological Seminary. He will give leadership at Wa-Shun-Ga and will then serve several Kansas churches as supply minister. At least one month will be spent at Towanda to give Mrs. John H. Jones a period away from parish duties. Dave grew up in Central Church, Topeka and has been active in Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship camps as a camper or leader for the past ten years.

The Paff's Honored

The Reverend and Mrs. Elmo Paff of the Wichita South Central Community Church were guests of honor at a pot luck supper sponsored by the Wichita Extension Committee January 27 at Pilgrim Church. After the Reverend Mr. Paff had given an account of his life and work, and Mrs. Paff had added that they had four children, two boys and two girls, members of the four Wichita churches joined in welcoming them with impromptu speeches.

City Manager Eugene N. Smith, of Plymouth, brought greetings from the City of Wichita; Gordon Jones, Fairmount, told how comity for the new church was obtained thru the Wichita Council of Churches' Church Planning and Strategy Committee and Willard Garvey, Plymouth, brought us up to date on the new community building he is erecting for the use of the church at Galena and Laura.

Charter members of Pilgrim, the Kenneth Sayres and the Warren Berquists reminisced about the early struggles of Pilgrim, and Vernon Stark of the new church, spoke of their high hopes for the new fellowship. Mrs. John W. Gibson, Chairman, made the introductions, while the Rev. and Mrs. George Fisk led in group singing.

Again to welcome the Paff's a representative group of the newly formed church gathered at the home of the Jack Tollivers, 1221 Del Mar, February 10 for a Valentine Supper and stork shower in honor of the Paff's. Mrs. Gibson was also remembered with a timely gift. The Paff's led the games and singing, in which all joined.

Brotherhood Sunday

On February 12, Wichita Pilgrim Church had a rich experience thru a Choir Exchange arranged by the church Social Action Committee, chaired by Colleen Townsend. The Negro Choir of St. Matthew's Methodist Episcopal Church, under the direction of Mrs. Eula Mae McAfee, led the music; participated in Holy Communion and presented the anthem, "All Hail the Power" at the worship service at Pilgrim Church. At the same time the Pilgrim Choir under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Naill furnished music at the Negro Church.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

"HEARTWARMERS"

Although I have visited no Fellowships since the last Heartwarmers other things warmed my heart. They were:

To attend the President's Conference and the Missions Council at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. It was very heartwarming to share experiences with presidents from Montana, Idaho, Minnesota and many other states. Congregational-Christian women of Kansas are a vital part of a great body of women and we accomplish wonderful things when we accept our common goals and work together, as many parts of one body.

To attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees February 6 and see men there who had driven many miles to attend and who were giving time of value and their own peculiar talents so that our church may continue its mission.

To hear part of the Ministers' Convocation when I had dinner at Topeka First and Topeka Seabrook and enjoyed the fine talks that followed. It was heartwarming to visit and have refreshments at the home of our Assistant Superintendent and his wife, Orville and Helen Hepler.

To help plan the program for State Conference, May 4, 5 and 6, in Manhattan and to hope, along with the others, that all our ministers and many lay people will attend the Conference for the entire time.

"When Retreat Means Advance"

It's possible to retreat and advance at the same time, that is, if you spell retreat with a capital "R" and if you remember that Retreat, in our case, means McPherson College, June 4, 5 and 6.

Just as our strength depends upon our dependence (on God) - so we can advance and retreat as we pioneer together next June.

It isn't difficult for me to know what our most important accomplishment will be at Retreat. Deepening our sense of closeness and friendship is a prize to be desired; freedom from the cares of our homes, for even so short a time is valuable; eating, resting, playing together, is ever so refreshing; learning about our missions and their needs and how to help fill them, is longed for by many of us; learning more of worship and prayer, is food for our souls; sitting at the feet of Ione Catton, one of our denomination's great leaders, is an inspiration; but the most sought jewel of all, whether we are conscious of it or not, is that we will go home with a deeper sense of consecration to God.

I'm looking forward to being a part of your lives, and having you a part of mine, for these three days. I hope you will mark June 4, 5 and 6 as days set aside especially for your Advance and Retreat.

—Vera Lancaster

Spiritual Life

Prayer is the mightest force in the world and how much of that force are you using to lift your church, your missionaries, your nation?

Isn't it strange how we worship the power of money, the power of guns, but lack any real appreciation of the power of prayer?

Would it be somewhere in our make-up we prefer "no power" so we can excuse ourselves? Margaret Apple-

garth says as Christians we really "lack-lustre." How true! But if we're modeling fashions, no one can say the American woman lacks lustre! Or it's hair-do's, we just spray on the lustre. Oh! if there were only a spray for Spiritual Power, I wonder if we'd accept it - probably not - for we'd say it is too new for me to try. And don't we just "oh" and "ah" when a program of outdated wedding dresses are modeled? When it comes to spiritual life, where are the "oh's" and "ah's"? Have we practiced every night for a week, our spiritual life program? Good gracious, I thought spiritual life didn't need practice? You're so wrong - and it needs it every day . . . and the best time is early in the morning, before the family is up making demands on your time . . . and before going to bed . . . and midway in the day . . . but you say, "I haven't time". Remember - you have time for everything you think is important. Do you ever miss your favorite TV program, your daily paper, or that bridge game or your date at the Country Club? Why does she have to mention those things? It's upsetting, isn't it? You've read the best seller? No, I doubt if you have, for it is the Bible, and you haven't time for that, have you?

Why do you lack power and "lack-lustre" in your everyday life? Only one reason - you won't put first things first . . . "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you." But you say, that's hard; it is, for I've tried it and failed more often than I've succeeded, but I intend to keep trying. I believe that "all things are possible" if I let God rule my life. I want "lustre" and "power" and "Prayer" in my life. What do you want?

Margaret Ogden (Mrs. S. Duane)

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Nettie Lewis
By Leona Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Lydia Long
Mrs. Florence Neal
By Whitewater Women

Mrs. Bertha Weaver
By Kansas City Rosedale

Mrs. Frank Prosser
By Lawrence Plymouth

Mrs. West
By Smith Center Social Gleaners

Ada Chapman
By Downs Women's Fellowship

Catherine Johnson
By Prairie Village Colonial Ladies

Mrs. Mary Earl
By Wichita Fairmount Women's Fellowship

Mrs. O. E. Kirkman
Central Women's Fellowship

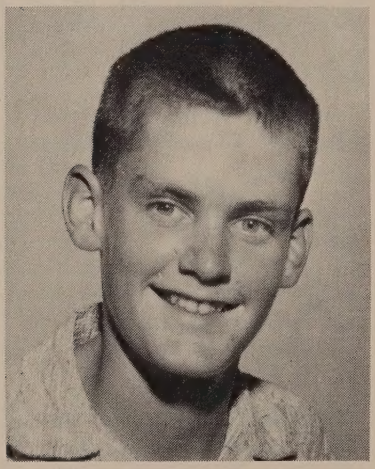
Mrs. Bradford Dougherty
Miss Alice Honey
By Whatsoever Circle
Kansas City First Pilgrim

Mrs. Dorothy Waters
Mrs. Frances Shackseick
By Milford Missionary Society

Mrs. Flora Olive Dennis
Mrs. Florence Evie Smalley
Mrs. Martha Matilda Ford
Miss Frances Shirk
Mrs. Ida Louise Wiesedeppe
Mrs. Anna Burger
By Seneca Ladies' Union

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

George Epps, President **Marilyn Bell, Secretary**



Kent Thompson
National Council Delegate

"In Daring Expectation"

This is the theme for the 1956 National Council Meeting to be held at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska June 28-July 5.

Kansas is entitled to four voting delegates; one from each association and the state president elected at camp time. High School young people are chosen because of their availability in the P.F. program following the Council. Delegates chosen by the State and Association P.F. sponsors at a meeting on January 10 are:

Eastern delegate is David Heath, a member of Topeka Central P.F. David has been a loyal camper for the past four years. He is Vice President of his local P.F. and an officer in U.C.Y.M. We hope to have his picture in April.

Southern will be represented by Kent Thompson of Wichita Fairmount. He has been in camp every year, is active in his local P.F., and has served as secretary.

Dave Felton of Great Bend is the Western delegate. He has been a camper at Wa-Shun-Ga two years and served as devotional chairman of the local P.F.

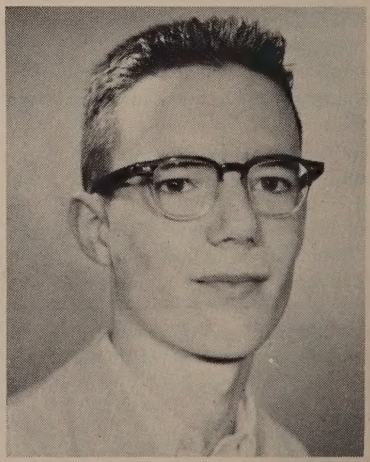
These three fellows have accepted and are making plans to go. A limited number of visitors can attend.

Te Rev. Ray C. Jones, State Sponsor and the Rev. Orville Hepler plan to be present also.

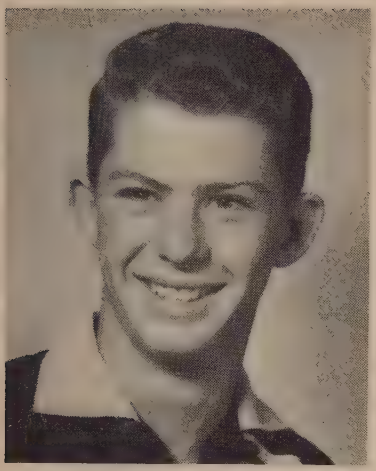
Rallies

Western Association Rally, southern section for senior and Junior Hi P.F.'ers was held at Kinsley on February 26; northern section was held at Smith Center, March 4.

Eastern Rally will be held at K.C. Welborn on April 13 and 14.



Dave Felton
National Council Delegate



Leland Broadbeck
Western Junior Hi Chairman

Work-Day For Christ
Additional Receipts

Smith Center	$59.28
Lenora Jr. Hi	10.00
Seneca	15.00
Ottawa	25.00
Wichita Fairmount	50.00
Topeka First	15.00

Makes a grand total of $1,470.26

Reminder

Has your P.F. paid its Christian Action pledge-due by camp time.

Centralia Pilgrims

Jr. and Sr. Pilgrims joined forces to put on a Chili and Vegetable Soup supper early in February. They served more than 300 people and cleared $126.00 to help on their expenses to camp.

WA-SHUN-GA

Senior Camp: May 25-June 2.
First Junior Hi Camp: June 3-9.
Second Junior Hi Camp: June 10-16.

Youth Sunday Widely Observed

At **Topeka First** "The $64,000.00 Question for My Life" was presented by Danny Deever, Pat Rozema, Phil Wheeler and Nancy Kay.

At **Russell,** Pilgrim Fellowship and its Three Commissions were the basis of talks by Judy Steinle, Marilyn Tilzey, Cindy Ewing and Melinda Kirkman. Pilgrim Fellowship songs and spirituals were used.

Smith Center Pilgrims had complete charge of the morning service with Terry Duntz speaking on "Serving Mankind Thru Medicine' and Barbara Chance on "The Christian Vocation a Homemaker."

Wichita Fairmount pulpit was filled by David McFarland, Norky Jones and Myrle Barton. A youth quartet furnished music.

Lenora reports an inspiring worship service with Earl Henry, P.F. President bringing the sermon. Music ushering and other parts were taken by the young people.

Seneca P.F. conducted the morning worship with Lorene Sausser and Sharon Stump bringing messages on "Our Christian Citizenship."

Osborne morning messages were brought by Judy Miner, Lynn Green and Claude Nichols on "Our Christian Citizenship." The young people were hosts for the closing session of the Mission Family Night Series in the evening.

Mound City young people had charge of the morning worship with messages by Judy Casteel, Linda Henesy and Laura Klopfenstein.

Topeka Central conducted the service with the Rev. Robert Tully, Associate Minister bringing the morning message.

At Your Service

Orville M. Hepler

Little River Building Fund Campaign

Twenty-eight laymen of the little River Congregational Church canvassed their parish on February 19 for funds to complete payment for the 40 foot by 70 foot new sanctuary and full basement which has just been constructed at a cost of approximately $35,000.00.

The trustees had obligated the church to the builder for about $6,000.00 beyond the original $18,000.00 in cash available and had borrowed more from the bank.

As a result of the fund-raising project, about $6,000.00 was collected in cash and pledges of approximately $8,000.00 were made to be paid within two years. This will pay the bank loan and provide about $3,000 to furnish the church.

Although the canvass did not reach the goal of $18,000.00, the congregation was greatly encouraged by the results.

The chairman of the local committee is Arthur C. Hodgson and the minister is Rev. Homer Cox. Rev. Orville Hepler, Assistant Superintendent, conducted four training sessions, spoke at a women's meeting and preached at the morning service on the day of the canvass.

Observe College Sunday, April 15

"So Much To Be Done," a filmstrip with records, shows the values of church related colleges. Write for it at the Conference office.

Camp Slides are now ready for booking.

New Lent and Easter Filmstrips

The following new color filmstrips for use with kindergarten, primary and junior children have just been purchased and are available at the Conference Office. Paste this list in your Conference Audio-Visual catalogue for easy reference.

"Around the World Easter Party" 35 frames with script on filmstrip. Shows how Easter is a world-wide celebration.

"Bootsie, The Lamb" with 33⅓ rpm record tells the story of the love of a little girl for her soft, wooly lamb, and emphasizes Jesus' teaching that God loves each individual and cares for him.

"The Boy Who Helped Jesus" 21 frames with script, tells how Jesus used the little boy's lunch of five small loaves of bread and two small fish to feed the multitude.

"The Caterpillar's Journey" 32 frames with script, tells of the life cycle of the caterpillar-butterfly.

"Hosana to The King", 59 frames with script on filmstrip interprets for children the story of the first Palm Sunday.

"Singing Praises to Jesus", 25 frames with script, telling the story of one little boy who helped show the love and affection of the people when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

"Spring is Here", 27 frames with script on filmstrip, shows the most familiar signs of spring.

"When Jesus Kept the Passover Feast", 26 frames with script, tells the story of Jesus' visit to Jerusalem at the age of 12.

Rev. Almeda Vickery To Conduct Workshops

The State Education Committee announces nine area workshops to be held in the following churches:

Prairie Village, Wednesday, April 18
Carbondale, Thursday, April 19
Centralia, Friday, April 20
Milford, Sunday, April 22
Udall, Monday, April 23
Haven, Tuesday, April 24
Ford, Wednesday, April 25
Gorham, Thursday, April 26
Gaylord, Friday, April 27

Church School teachers and officers are urged to attend the afternoon session beginning at 2:30. The evening meal will be served at nominal cost to guests.

All key leaders of the churches are invited to participate in the evening session. Emphasis will be on Missionary Education in the local church.

Miss Vickery is Curriculum Consultant of the Division of Christian Education. She has had extensive practical experience and is well-qualified to assist your church do a better job in your church school and in its total program.

Plan Now For Your Vacation Church School

Securing your teachers, choosing your curriculum and planning your schedule may seem like a big undertaking but the results more than repay the effort.

The churches which do not use the Pilgrim Series for the summer quarter can buy a Vacation Church School Guidebook for each department, for 25 cents each, to adapt the regular summer courses for a ten day school. Order early from Pilgrim Press.

Lenten Family Night Seminars

Wichita Plymouth Church is featuring six family nights on the Wednesdays during Lent. On the first evening, the families saw a suitable movie.

The adult program for the next four Wednesdays called for short Lenten Meditations followed each evening by four seminar sections dealing with

1. Problems of Parents of Pre-School and Elementary Children.
2. Living Religiously with Adolescents.
3. People Who Surrounded Jesus, and
4. Christianity at Work.

While the adults were in their classes, the children and youth worked on a dramatic presentation, "The Bible Speaks." On the final night, March 21, the entire evening will be devoted to the pageant presentation by the children and youth.

A Vacation You'll Never Forget

Will your family be one of about 25 to drive through the entrance of beautiful Association Camp near Estes Park, Colorado into Friendship Circle on July 29?

If so, you will share a week of your life making friends, exploring the mountain wonderland, probing into the meaning of life in our complex age, learning new games and just relaxing.

A dozen families from Kansas and an equal number from Nebraska will attend. In addition to the two conferences sponsoring the camp, the Board of Home Missions will furnish Rev. Walter Dobler and his family as well as share in the overhead expense.

If you want to show last year's camp slides, choose a date and write to the Conference office to book them.

About Kansas Giving

Church	*Loan Fund Paid to* 1956	*O.C.W.M. Paid* 1955	*O.C.W.M. Quota* 1956	*Per Capita* 1956
Almena	$ 587.00	$ 350.00	$ 350.00	$ 32.50
Anthony	425.00	500.00	500.00	41.75
Ash Rock	——	50.00	100.00	6.00
Athol	195.00	200.00	200.00	23.25
Carbondale	120.00	125.00	125.00	17.50
Centralia	——	400.00	400.00	60.00
Council Grove	——	300.00	400.00	39.50
Cumberland	——	20.00	50.00	10.50
Dover	——	100.00	100.00	28.50
Downs	——	200.00	240.00	35.50
Ellis	800.00	300.00	400.00	55.50
Emporia First	410.00	1,750.00	2,000.00	126.25
Emporia Sardis	400.00	250.00	250.00	24.50
Eureka	935.00	400.00	400.00	56.25
Ford	920.00	450.00	450.00	36.25
Garden City	812.66	1,500.00	1,800.00	85.00
Garfield	240.00	150.00	150.00	18.00
Gaylord	30.00	230.81	200.00	29.75
Gorham	100.00	150.00	200.00	31.85
Great Bend	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,700.00	123.50
Haven	400.00	300.00	300.00	21.75
Hiawatha	——	80.00	80.00	12.00
Hutchinson	——	600.00	800.00	70.00
Independence	450.00	200.00	300.00	25.25
K. C. First Pilgrim	1,450.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	112.00
K.C. Rosedale	831.00	600.00	650.00	55.00
K.C. Ruby	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	62.75
K.C. Welborn	1,550.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	178.50
Kinsley	1,050.00	500.00	600.00	61.75
Kiowa	300.00	150.00	300.00	43.00
Kirwin	——	100.00	100.00	14.75
Lawrence Plymouth	4,111.22	*5,400.00	*6,000.00	272.75
Leavenworth	200.00	572.54	500.00	30.25
Lenora	856.00	500.00	550.00	32.75
Leona	50.00	——	50.00	9.00
Lincoln	100.00	100.00	100.00	42.00
Little River	525.00	300.00	300.00	47.75
McPherson	2,295.00	1,000.00	1,250.00	86.50
Maize	400.00	250.00	50.00	29.00

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Manhattan	2,200.00	2,000.00	2,100.00	94.75
Maple Hill	10.00	400.00	400.00	39.25
Matfield Green	——	——	50.00	11.50
Milford	250.00	300.00	300.00	28.50
Mound City	——	50.00	100.00	33.50
Mount Hope	116.25	500.00	500.00	95.00
Muscotah	300.00	150.00	200.00	111.00
Neola	——	40.94	50.00	5.50
Newton	1,200.00	600.00	600.00	49.50
Olive Hill	——	100.00	100.00	27.25
Onaga	310.00	400.00	500.00	77.50
Osborne	1,589.00	*1,459.00	*1,425.00	36.75
Ottawa	400.00	*500.00	*500.00	19.00
Partridge	800.00	500.00	600.00	70.25
Pleasant Hill	——	100.00	100.00	14.00
Plevna	86.00	120.00	200.00	34.00
Prairie Village	300.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	90.25
Russell	1,506.00	1,250.00	1,735.00	83.75
Sabetha	2,075.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	121.25
Sedgwick	200.00	200.00	200.00	32.50
Seneca	545.77	300.00	350.00	40.00
Smith Center	400.00	150.00	300.00	34.00
Stanley	500.00	400.00	500.00	37.50
St. Marys	——	50.00	50.00	4.50
Stockton	——	300.00	350.00	27.25
Tonganoxie	90.34	300.00	350.00	37.25
Topeka Central	6,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	279.00
Topeka First	3,400.00	3,000.00	3,300.00	199.00
Topeka Seabrook	25.00	400.00	500.00	119.00
Topeka Seaman	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	91.25
Towanda	500.00	175.00	200.00	25.50
Udall	25.00	75.00	75.00	23.75
Wakefield	356.25	350.00	350.00	24.50
Wheaton	200.00	100.00	150.00	14.00
Whitewater	568.78	1,000.00	1,000.00	62.75
Wichita Fairmount	1,200.00	2,600.00	2,700.00	146.00
Wichita Pilgrim	1,105.71	1,306.52	10%	137.75
Wichita Plymouth	5,650.37	8,165.00	7,500.00	443.00
Undesignated	8,155.15			
TOTALS	$65,307.50	$59,919.81	$63,980.00	$ 4,909.60

* Indicates churches whose giving to O.C.W.M. averaged $6.00 or more per member in 1955, and whose pledging exceeds $6.00 per member in 1956.

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Is $6.00 per Member Too Much to Give To Our Christian World Mission?

The National Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education believes it is a realistic goal for all our churches.

Three of our Kansas churches proved it could be done last year. Check back on pages 14 and 15 and note that Osborne has pledged $9.69 per member for 1956; Ottawa, $6.57, and Lawrence $6.17. Several other churches could have made the goal by a little extra effort.

How About Your Church? Are you making every effort to reach the minimum goal of $6.00 per member this year?

The harvest truly is great, but our funds are few and our laborers handicapped. Are you doing your share or depending on others to carry the load?

Another Poppe

Debra Dorothy Poppe arrived February 11 to make her home with the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Poppe of Whitewater. She completes the mixed quartet with brothers Roger, 15; Billy, 13 and sister Donna past two.

La Foret Pastors' School

The dates are July 4 to August 1. Ministers who have not attended since 1950 are eligible. The Board of Home Missions pays all expenses above $15.00. A rare opportunity for study and worship. If interested write the Conference Office.

Church Loan Fund Status

The previous pages on Kansas giving show $65,307.50 toward the Kansas pledge of $75,000.00 for the Church Building Loan Fund. An additional $8,200.00 has been pledged leaving about $1500.00 still not accounted for. It would be fine if some of the churches that have not participated, or have not given their full share, would volunteer gifts to fill this small gap. New churches, are waiting to be born because adequate funds are not available.

Ellis Moves Ahead

Ministers of the Congregational, Lutheran and Methodist churches of Ellis organized the Ellis Council of Churches in February. The Rev. Robert Gurtler was elected president. As a direct result the Protestant Youth Council was organized and plans are being made for an Easter Sunrise Service. About 15 laymen from the Congregational Church took part in a parish visitation program the week of February 19.